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MONROE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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DOYLE CLOSES COUNTY GOVERNMENT FROM NOON TO 2 PM FOR NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND REMEMBRANCE

Monroe County Executive Jack Doyle today announced that all Monroe County offices would be closed from noon until 2 PM tomorrow (Friday, September 13, 2001) in observance of the National Day of Prayer and Remembrance.

Earlier today, President George W. Bush declared tomorrow as a National Day of Prayer and Remembrance and encouraged all American employers to allow their workers time off during the lunch hour to attend noontime services (White House Release attached).

"At this very trying time, prayer and reflection is the best medicine to begin the healing process and to deliver our community and nation from the tragic events of the past week," said Doyle. "No matter what your individual faith or beliefs, I encourage all Monroe County residents to take the time tomorrow to reflect on this tragedy and to pray for guidance and strength during this difficult time for our nation."

Only non-essential county employees will be affected by the noon to 2 PM closing tomorrow, essential employees (Sheriff's Deputies, etc.) will work regularly scheduled hours.

In a previous announcement, County Executive Doyle called on all area churches to ring their bells for five minutes at noon tomorrow and also asked area residents to fly the American Flag as a sign of solidarity with the victims of Tuesday's terrorist attack.

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